

**Probation Committee  
Judicial Conference of Indiana**

**Minutes  
April 29, 2009**

The Probation Committee of the Judicial Conference of Indiana met by conference call on April 29, 2009.

1. **Members present.** The following members of the Probation Committee participated in the conference call: Julie Cantrell, David Chidester, Thomas Felts, Becky McClure, Jane Woodward Miller, Robert Mrzlack, Steven Nation, Mark Smith, and Mark Stoner, chair.
2. **Staff present.** Jenny Bauer and Michelle Goodman provided staff assistance.
3. **Approval of Minutes.** The March 2009 meeting minutes were approved.
4. **Intrastate Probation Transfers.** Judge Stoner reported to the Committee that he and Mark Smith would be heading a question and answer session on Intrastate Transfer at the Probation Officers Annual Meeting in May. He asked the committee members for examples of problems encountered by their probation departments. Judge McClure reported that the judges in Boone County were not being asked to sign transfer orders. She said the judges now sign all transfer orders. Judge Miller reported that St. Joseph County was having a problem with the clerk not assigning case numbers to incoming transfer cases. She said that the chief probation officer met with the clerk to address the problem. Judge Felts reported that Allen County was experiencing the same problems with judges not signing the transfer order. Judge Smith reported that the judges in Hendricks County think the sample court order could use some revisions. Judge Chidester reported that the Porter County judges would like to know if accepting jurisdiction of an intrastate transfer case would affect weighted caseload. He also reported that they are having problems with a neighboring county not entering bench warrant information into NCIC.
5. **Funding of probation.** Judge Stoner reported that he spoke to Monroe County Chief Probation Officer Linda Brady recently regarding probation funding. He said Linda called him because she is worried about cut-backs in county budgets resulting in lay-offs of probation officers. Linda also shared with Judge Stoner that she is concerned about the study commission set for the summer and wants to make sure POPAI's positions are in line with the thinking of the Probation Committee. Judge Stoner said that he promised Linda that the committee would discuss these issues at the next in-person meeting.
6. **Next meeting.** The next meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

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